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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Klein et al.)
Serial No: 09/814,604)
Filed: March 22, 2001)
For: METHODS OF DETECTING)
DISSOCIATED NUCLEAR)
HORMONE RECEPTOR LIGANDS)

Examiner: J. Murphy

Group Art Unit: 1646

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 are pending, with the nuclear hormone receptor species RAR and the coactivator species TIF-2/GRIP-1/NCoA-2 and SRC-1/NCoA-1 presently under examination.

Regarding the Election of Species Requirement

Applicants note the indication that the Election of Species requirement has been made final. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in the event that a linking claim such as generic claim 1 is found allowable, subject matter directed to